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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| W. Olin SIBERT |) | Group Art Unit: 2136 |
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| Application No.: 09/628,692 |) | Examiner: Carl G. COLIN |
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| Filed: July 28, 2000 |) | Confirmation No.: 3388 |
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| For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR |) | |
| USING CRYPTOGRAPHY TO |) | |
| PROTECT SECURE AND INSECURE |) | |
| COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS |) | |
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In preparation for consideration of the present application in light of the
concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, please enter the following
amendments and consider the following remarks: